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SUBJECT: US-USSR CHEMICAL WEAPONS NEGOTIATIONS, ROUND  
SEVEN: FOURTH DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, JANUARY 24, 1978

1. SUMMARY: AT THE DRAFTING GROUP MEETING JANUARY 24, 1978, SOVDEL SOUGHT CLARIFICATION OF U.S. PROPOSALS FOR LISTS OF "IMPORTANT" PRECURSORS AND "IMPORTANT" LETHAL AND OTHER HIGHLY TOXIC CHEMICALS. SOVIET QUESTIONS DEALT LARGELY WITH U.S. TERMINOLOGY, PROCEDURES FOR DRAWING UP THE LISTS, AND EFFECT OF THE U.S. PROPOSALS ON CHEMICAL PRODUCTION FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. USDEL RESPONDED TO SOVIET QUESTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS DRAFTING GROUP WAS HELD TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 24, AT THE U.S. MISSION.

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3. THE SOVIET EXPERTS SOUGHT CLARIFICATION OF THE U.S. PROPOSALS, PRESENTED IN DETAIL AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING, FOR LISTS OF "IMPORTANT" PRECURSORS AND "IMPORTANT" LETHAL AND OTHER HIGHLY TOXIC CHEMICALS. THE NUMEROUS SOVIET QUESTIONS DEALT LARGELY WITH THE TERMS USED BY THE U.S. IN ITS PROPOSAL, WITH THE PROCEDURES FOR ESTABLISHING SUCH

LISTS, AND WITH THE EFFECT OF THE U.S. PROPOSALS ON CHEMICAL PRODUCTION FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. THE EXCHANGES ARE SUMMARIZED IN PARAS 3-8 BELOW. THE USDEL HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SOVIET EXPERTS WERE GENUINELY INTERESTED IN UNDERSTANDING THE U.S. PROPOSALS. THEY DID NOT COMMIT THEMSELVES, HOWEVER, ON THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THE PROPOSALS.

4. TERMINOLOGY. SOVIET TECHNICAL EXPERT (DYUMAEV) ASKED A SERIES OF QUESTIONS TO CLARIFY INTENDED MEANING OF TERMS USED IN THE THREE U.S.-PROPOSED CRITERIA FOR "IMPORTANT" PRECURSORS SUCH AS "MILITARILY IMPORTANT," "SIGNIFICANT," AND "FEW CHEMICAL STEPS." THE QUESTIONS SEEMED TO BE INTENDED TO CLARIFY HOW FAR BACK IN THE REACTION SEQUENCE THE U.S. PROPOSAL ON "IMPORTANT" PRECURSORS WOULD REACH. U.S. EXPERT (MIKULAK) EXPLAINED THE INTENDED MEANINGS OF THE TERMS AND MADE CLEAR THAT USDEL WOULD WELCOME SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE CRITERIA INCORPORATED IN THE U.S. PROPOSAL.

5. PROCEDURES FOR DRAWING UP THE LISTS. DYUMAEV ASKED IF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WOULD DRAW UP THE LISTS AND WHAT WOULD HAPPEN BEFORE THE LISTS WERE FINISHED OR IF NO AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED. U.S. ALTERNATE REP (TURRENTINE) SAID THAT THE PROCESS OF DRAWING UP THE LISTS WOULD BEGIN DURING U.S.-SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS ON A JOINT INITIATIVE. CONFIDENTIAL

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DETAILS AGREED UPON BILATERALLY MIGHT BE TRANSMITTED TO THE CCD IN A JOINT WORKING PAPER ACCOMPANYING THE JOINT INITIATIVE. THE CCD IN ITS TURN MIGHT MODIFY THE LISTS. ONCE THE CONVENTION HAD BEEN OPENED FOR SIGNATURE, THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, SUGGESTED PREVIOUSLY BY THE U.S., WOULD REVIEW THE PROPOSED LISTS TO BE CERTAIN THAT THEY WOULD BE UP TO DATE AT THE TIME THE CONVENTION ENTERS INTO FORCE. THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WOULD NOT BE LIKELY TO MAKE ANY MAJOR CHANGES EARLY IN THE LIFE OF THE LISTS. IN OUR VIEW THIS APPROACH AVOIDS THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH MIGHT ARISE IF THE PROCESS OF DRAWING UP THE LISTS DID NOT BEGIN UNTIL THE CONVENTION HAD ENTERED INTO FORCE.

6. EFFECT ON CHEMICAL PRODUCTION FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. A. DYUMAEV ASKED IF THE U.S. WAS PROPOSING THAT STATES PARTIES EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON "IMPORTANT" PRECURSORS AND "IMPORTANT" LETHAL AND OTHER HIGHLY TOXIC CHEMICALS AND ALSO INSISTING ON COMPULSORY INTERNATIONAL ON-SITE INSPECTION FOR SUPER-TOXIC CHEMICALS. TURRENTINE INDICATED THAT THE SOVIET UNDERSTANDING SEEMED TO BE CORRECT AND ELABORATED U.S. VIEWS ON INSPECTION OF FACILITIES PRODUCING SUPER-TOXIC CHEMICALS FOR CIVILIAN AND NONHOSTILE

MILITARY PURPOSES. INSPECTION PROCEDURES AND FREQUENCY OF VISITS WOULD TAKE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FACILITY INTO ACCOUNT. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE A LARGE NUMBER OF FACILITIES AFFECTED.

B. DYUMAEV ASKED HOW LIMITS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR QUANTITIES OF OTHERWISE PROHIBITED CHEMICALS TO BE USED FOR NONHOSTILE PURPOSES. MIKULAK PROMISED TO RESPOND FULLY AT THE NEXT MEETING, BUT POINTED OUT THAT FOR SUCH CHEMICALS AS HYDROGEN CYANIDE THE U.S. WAS CONCERNED WITH USE FOR NONHOSTILE MILITARY PURPOSES AND NOT WITH INDUSTRIAL USES.

7. AT THE END OF MEETING THE SENIOR SOVIET MILITARY EXPERT

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(SOKOLSKY) STATED HIS VIEW THAT THE TERMS "LETHAL" AND "TOXIC" COULD BE CONSIDERED SYNONYMOUS. MIKULAK (U.S.) RESPONDED THAT AS GENERALLY USED THE TERM "TOXIC" INCLUDES SERIOUS INJURY AND INCAPACITATION, AS WELL AS OTHER HARMFUL EFFECTS.

8. SOLE QUESTION ON U.S. PROPOSAL FOR DEALING WITH IRRITANTS CAME AT THE END OF THE MEETING. SOKOLSKY (USSR) ASKED IF THE U.S. TERM "OTHER HIGHLY TOXIC CHEMICALS" INCLUDED IRRITANTS WHICH ARE NOT USED FOR RIOT CONTROL OR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES. MIKULAK (U.S.) RESPONDED THAT IT DID. (SOKOLSKY INDICATED INFORMALLY AFTER THE MEETING THAT THIS CLARIFICATION HAD BEEN A "BIG HELP").

9. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE DRAFTING GROUP HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR PM, JANUARY 30, 1978. VANDEN HEUVEL

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